

AMENDED IN ASSEMBLY JUNE 4, 2014

Senate Concurrent Resolution

No. 113

Introduced by Senator Evans
(Coauthor: Assembly Member Chesbro)

April 21, 2014

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 113—Relative to the Bicyclist John Mello Memorial Bridge.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SCR 113, as amended, Evans. Bicyclist John Mello Memorial Bridge.

This measure would designate each of the Mad River Bridges on State Highway Route ~~101~~, *101* in the County of ~~Humboldt~~, *Humboldt* as the Bicyclist John Mello Memorial Bridge. This measure would also request the Department of Transportation to determine the cost of appropriate signs showing this special designation and, upon receiving donations from nonstate sources covering those costs, to erect those signs.

Fiscal committee: yes.

1 WHEREAS, John Mello was the kind of man that forms the
2 backbone and fabric of a community. He was a loving and devoted
3 father, grandfather, and friend, who is survived by his brother, Joe,
4 his sister, Lina, his daughter, Angie, his son Brian, and his
5 grandchildren, Ryan, Justin, Ricky, Aria, and Preston; and
6 WHEREAS, John set a fine example for all in our state with his
7 unselfish generosity and unconditional love, support, and friendship
8 to his children and grandchildren; and
9 WHEREAS, John set an example to everyone who knew him
10 with his integrity, knowledge, loyalty, humor, compassion, work

1 ethic, and athletic ability. His passions included cycling, hunting,
2 and camping, but most of all his family; and

3 WHEREAS, John would drop whatever he was doing to help a
4 family member or friend in any way he could and was thoughtful,
5 generous, and never more than a phone call away; and

6 WHEREAS, John was a skilled heavy equipment mechanic
7 whose life was tragically cut short while pursuing one of his many
8 interests, long distance bicycling. He was fatally struck by a
9 county-owned truck on Sunday, February 23, 2013, that, according
10 to the report filed by the Department of the California Highway
11 Patrol, made an unsafe turn and was the primary cause of the
12 accident; and

13 WHEREAS, John was an example to all cyclists, not only with
14 his enthusiasm for the sport, but also for his careful adherence to
15 the rules of the road. He was observed by law enforcement shortly
16 before he was struck near Patrick's Point State Park as riding
17 carefully and lawfully; and

18 WHEREAS, The memory of John Mello serves as an inspiration
19 to everyone that it is the little things in life that we do for each
20 other that are often the most meaningful; now, therefore, be it

21 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*
22 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature hereby designates each
23 of the Mad River Bridges on State Highway Route 101, Bridge
24 No. ~~4-0025R (northbound) and Bridge 4-0025L (southbound)~~,
25 *4-311 R/L*, in the County of ~~Humboldt~~, *Humboldt* as the Bicyclist
26 John Mello Memorial Bridge; and be it further

27 *Resolved*, That the Department of Transportation is requested
28 to determine the cost of appropriate ~~signs~~ *signs*, consistent with
29 the signing requirements for the state highway system, showing
30 this special designation and, upon receiving donations from
31 nonstate sources sufficient to cover the cost, to erect those signs;
32 and be it further

33 *Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of
34 this resolution to the Director of Transportation and to the author
35 for appropriate distribution.